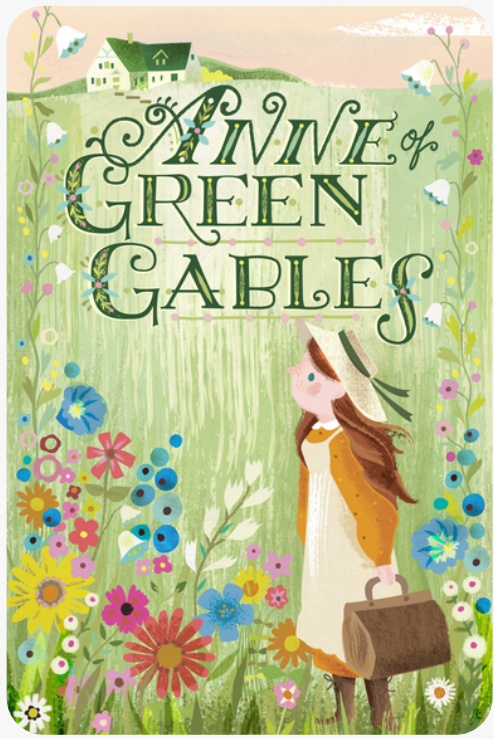


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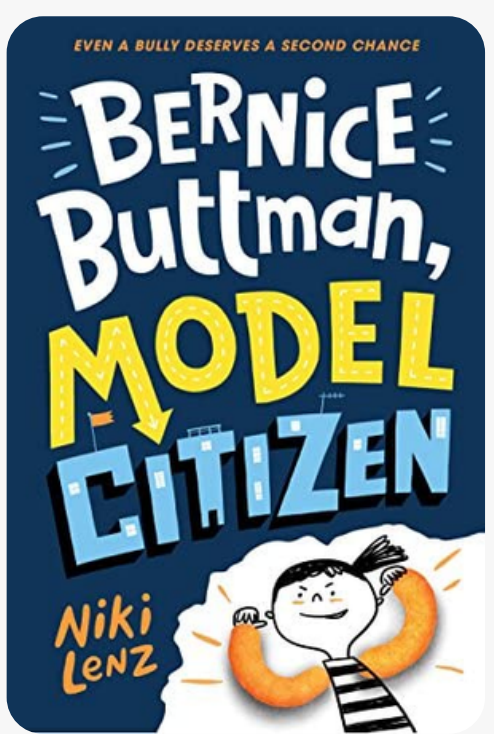
### ***Anne of Green Gables* by L. M. Montgomery**

Anne Shirley, an eleven-year-old orphan, has arrived in this verdant corner of Prince Edward Island only to discover that the Cuthberts—elderly Matthew and his stern sister, Marilla—want to adopt a boy, not a feisty redheaded girl. But before they can send her back, Anne—who simply must have more scope for her imagination and a real home—wins them over completely.



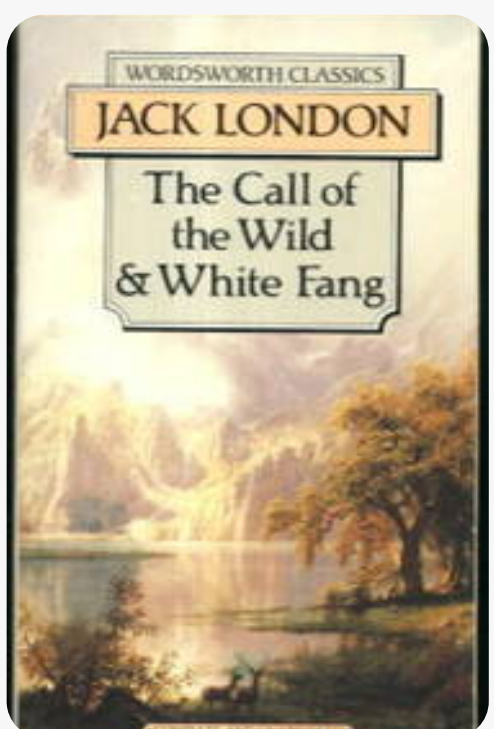
### ***Bayou Magic* by Jewell Parker Rhodes**

It's Maddy's turn to have a bayou summer. At first she misses life back home in the city, but soon she grows to love everything about her new surroundings -- the glimmering fireflies, the glorious landscape, and something else, deep within the water, that only Maddy sees. Could it be a mermaid? As her grandmother shares wisdom about sayings and signs, Maddy realizes she may be only the sibling to carry on her family's magical legacy.



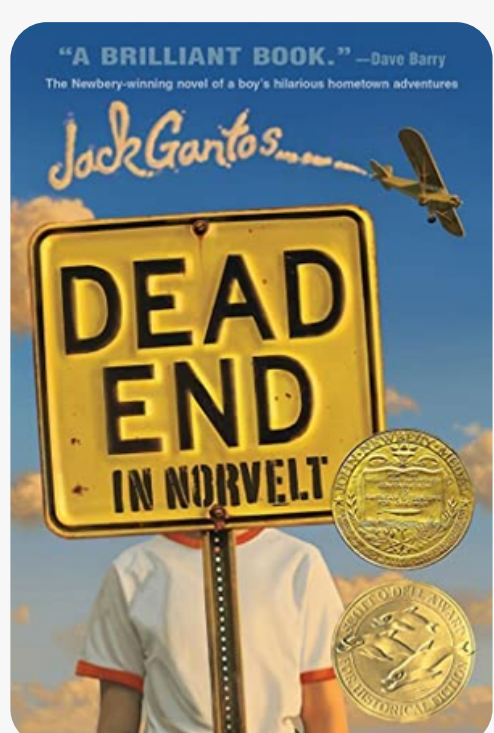
### ***Bernice Buttman, Model Citizen* by Niki Lenz**

When you're a Buttman, the label "bully" comes with the territory, and Bernice lives up to her name. But life as a bully is lonely, and if there's one thing Bernice really wants (even more than becoming a Hollywood stuntwoman), it's a true friend. After her mom skedaddles and leaves her in a new town with her aunt (who is also a real live nun), Bernice decides to mend her ways and become a model citizen.



### ***Call of the Wild & White Fang* by Jack London**

The Call of the Wild (1903) and White Fang (1906) are two classic American adventure novels depicting the evolution of two dogs in the wild. The novels are in fact mirror images of one another, as Call of the Wild depicts Buck's journey from domestic to wild dog, while White Fang recounts White Fang's transformation from wild beast to domestic companion. Both convey powerful themes of redemption and survival that continue to affect readers even today.



### ***Dead End in Norvelt* by Jack Gantos**

Melding the entirely true and the wildly fictional, Dead End in Norvelt is a novel about an incredible two months for a kid named Jack Gantos, whose plans for vacation excitement are shot down when he is "grounded for life" by his feuding parents, and whose nose spews bad blood at every little shock he gets. But plenty of excitement (and shocks) are coming Jack's way once his mom loans him out to help a feisty old neighbor with a most unusual chore.

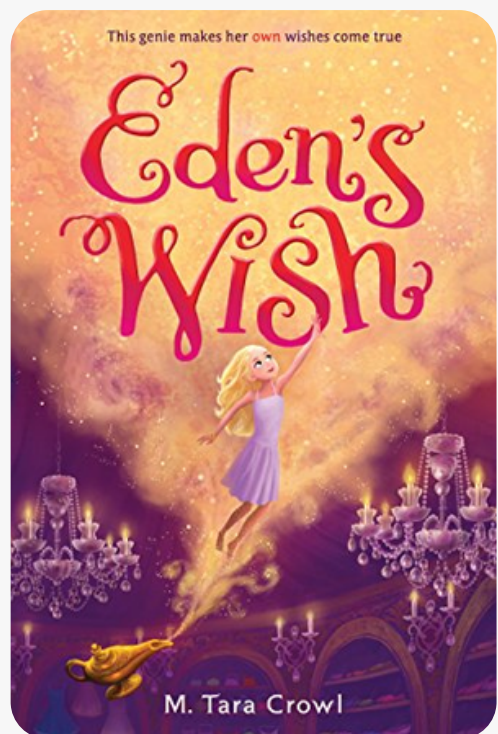
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### ***The Dragonet Prophecy: The Graphic Novel* by Tui Sutherland**

Not every dragonet wants a destiny ... Clay has grown up under the mountain, chosen along with four other dragonets to fulfill a mysterious prophecy and end the war between the dragon tribes of Pyrrhia. He's not so sure about the prophecy part, but Clay can't imagine not living with the other dragonets; they're his best friends. So when one of the dragonets is threatened, all five spring into action.



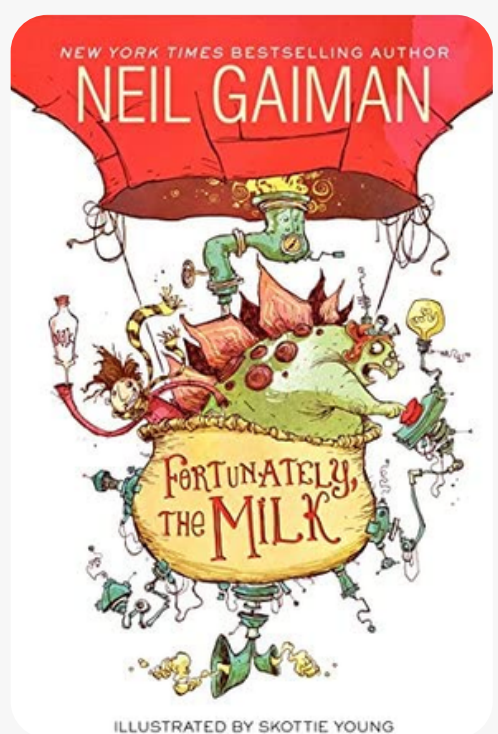
### ***Eden's Wish* by M. Tara Crowl**

All twelve years of Eden's life have been spent in an antique oil lamp. She lives like a princess inside her tiny, luxurious home; but to Eden, the lamp is nothing but a prison. She hates being a genie. All she wants, more than anything, is freedom. When Eden finds a gateway to Earth within the lamp, she takes her chance and enters the world she loves. And this time, she won't be sent back after three wishes



### ***Ethan Marcus Stands Up* by Michele Weber Hurwitz**

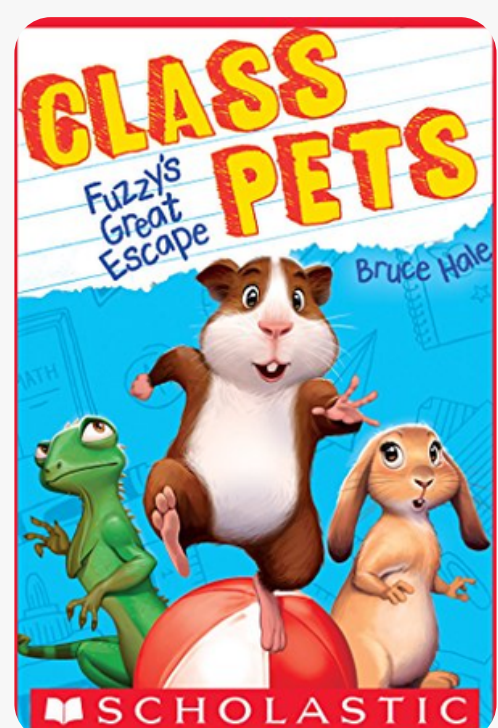
Perennial good kid Ethan Marcus has just done the unthinkable: refuse to stay seated during class. He's not causing a riot; he's not wandering around; he's just sick of sitting. But the rules aren't designed for Ethan, and so he is sent to the principal's office. When Ethan's sentence results in a Reflection Day, his faculty advisor suggests that Ethan channel the energy that caused his "transgression" by entering the school's Invention Day Competition.



### ***Fortunately, the Milk* by Neil Gaiman**

"I bought the milk," said my father. "I walked out of the corner shop, and heard a noise like this: t h u m m t h u m m. I looked up and saw a huge silver disc hovering in the air above Marshall Road." "Hullo," I said to myself. "That's not something you see every day. And then something odd happened."

Find out just how odd things get in this hilarious story of time travel and breakfast cereal



### ***Fuzzy's Great Escape* by Bruce Hale**

Fuzzy is the ambitious and unfortunately named guinea pig of class 5B. He has big plans for this year -- namely, to be president of the Class Pets Club. Then the cutest, most charming new bunny shows up and spins Fuzzy's plan like a hamster wheel. There's only one way to topple the adorable new club president: Fuzzy is taking the pets on a field trip!

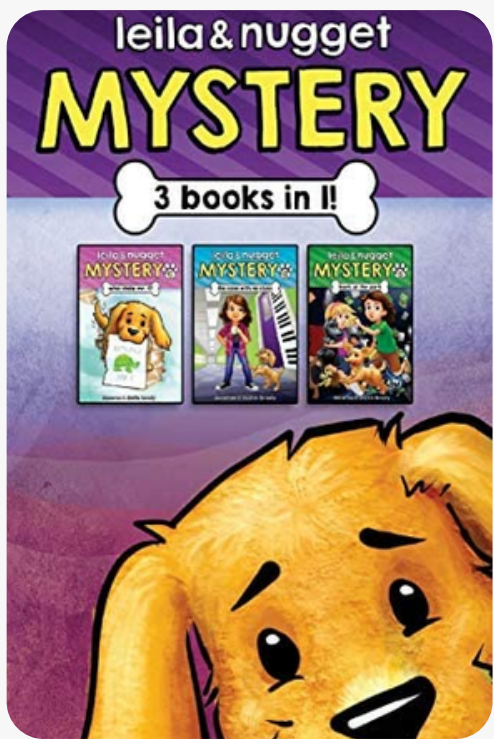
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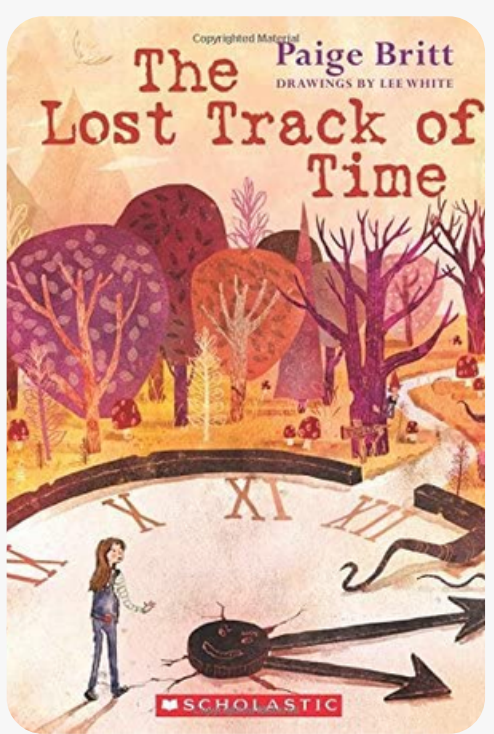
### ***I, Emma Freke* by Elizabeth Atkinson**

*I, Emma Freke* is a charming search-for-identity story about Emma—the only "normal" member of her quirky family. While Emma desperately tries to find her niche, she discovers that perhaps it's better to be her own "freak" than someone else's Freke.



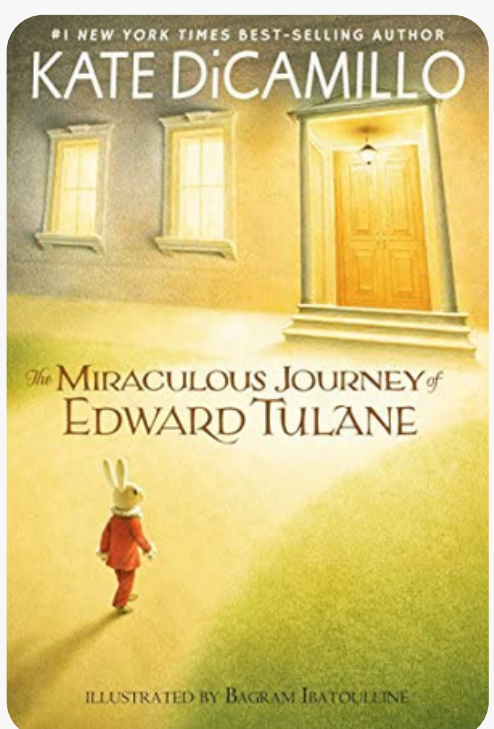
### ***Leila & Nugget Mystery* by Deserae & Dustin Brady**

Got a kidnapped pet? A missing mascot? How about a 70-year-old treasure hunt? Third-grader Leila Beal and her dog, Nugget, are on the case! This collection of three chapter book mysteries will keep young readers giggling and guessing way past bedtime.



### ***The Lost Track of Time* by Paige Britt**

Penelope is running out of time! She dreams of being a writer, but how can she pursue her passion when her mother schedules every minute of her life? And how will she ever prove that writing is worthwhile if her mother keeps telling her to "get busy!" and "be more productive"? Then one day, Penelope discovers a hole in her schedule--an entire day completely unplanned!--and she mysteriously falls into it.



### ***The Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane* by Kate DiCamillo**

Once, in a house on Egypt Street, there lived a china rabbit named Edward Tulane. The rabbit was very pleased with himself, and for good reason: he was owned by a girl named Abilene, who adored him completely. And then, one day, he was lost. . . . Kate DiCamillo takes us on an extraordinary journey, from the depths of the ocean to the net of a fisherman, from the bedside of an ailing child to the bustling streets of Memphis.



### ***Olga and the Smelly Thing from Nowhere* by Elise Gravel**

When Olga crosses paths with a weird creature and becomes the first kid to discover the species *olgamus ridiculus*, she is ecstatic! What does an *olgamus* eat? How does it poop? Why does its burp sound like the word *rubber*? With her trusty observation notebook and the help of a librarian, a shopkeeper, and some friends, Olga sets out to do science—learning the facts about her smelly, almost-furry pal and searching for him when he goes missing.

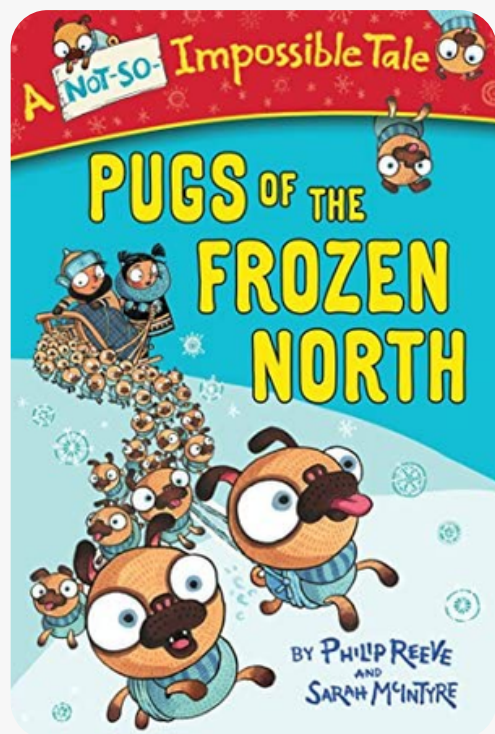
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### ***Orphan Train Girl* by Christina Baker Kline**

Molly Ayer has been in foster care since she was eight years old. Most of the time, Molly knows it's her attitude that's the problem, but after being shipped from one family to another, she's had her fair share of adults treating her like an inconvenience. So when Molly's forced to help an elderly woman clean out her attic for community service, Molly is wary. But from the very moment they meet, Molly realizes that Vivian, a well-off 91-year-old, isn't like any of the adults she's encountered before.



### ***Pugs of the Frozen North* by Philip Reeve & Sarah McIntyre**

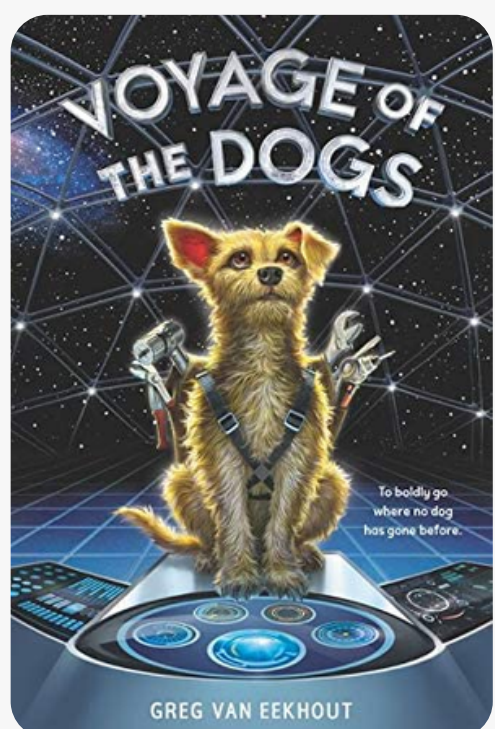
Far away, in a winter wonderland, an amazing sled race is about to begin. The winner can make one wish, and it will magically come true! Two friends, Sika and Shen, want to win more than anything. But all they have is a pack of yappy, yippy, pug puppies. Ten pugs can't move their sled. Even with thirty, it doesn't budge. But what about . . . SIXTY-SIX? With a little bit of luck, anything is *paws-ible*.



### ***Solo: A Star Wars Story* by Joe Schreiber**

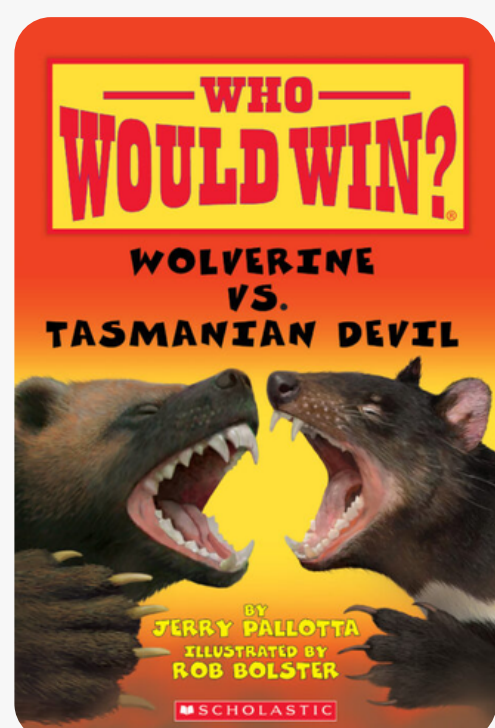
Han Solo leaves his homeworld Corellia behind and dreams of becoming the greatest pilot in the galaxy.

But before he can find the perfect ship he'll have to survive a dangerous job in the criminal underworld! Read along as Han encounters Chewbacca the Wookiee, smuggler Lando Calrissian and other heroes and villains.



### ***Voyage of the Dogs* by Greg van Eekhout**

Lopside is a Barkonaut, a specially trained dog who assists human astronauts on missions in space. He and the crew aboard the spaceship *Laika* are en route to set up an outpost on a distant planet. When the mission takes a disastrous turn, the Barkonauts on board suddenly find themselves completely alone on their severely damaged ship. Survival seems impossible. But these dogs are Barkonauts—and Barkonauts always complete their mission.



### ***Who Would Win? Wolverine vs. Tasmanian Devil* by Jerry Pallotta**

What would happen if a wolverine and a Tasmanian devil had a fight? Who do you think would win? This nonfiction reader compares and contrasts two ferocious mammals. Readers will learn about each animal's anatomy, behavior, and more. Then compare and contrast the battling animals before finally discovering the winner!